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CO-ORDINATION QUESTIONS

PROGRAMME MATTERS, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

Amendments to the draft decisions contained in document UNEP/GC.16/L.18 and Corr.1 submitted by the Bureau

1. Draft decision 5, page 7, paragraph 2 (a), line 1

After countries, insert upon request,

2. Draft decision 7 A, page 9, paragraph 8

At the end of the paragraph add

and giving a progress report to the Preparatory Committee at its third session, since the Committee has decided to have a full discussion of the issue of desertification at that session

3. Draft decision 12, pages 16 and 17

(a) Second preambular paragraph, line 1

After changes insert and their consequences

(b) Paragraph 4, first line

After provide, insert within available resources,

4. Draft decision 17, pages 19 and 20

(a) Second preambular paragraph

After the phrase "paragraph 1, 7, 12 and 21" in the second line, the remainder of the paragraph should be deleted.

(b) Fifth preambular paragraph, third line

After in particular, insert bearing in mind the work that has been done in these areas by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,

(c) Seventh preambular paragraph

For Urging read Urges

5. Draft decision 18,* page 22 and 23

(a) Fifth preambular paragraph

For the existing text substitute

Recalling the recommendations of the Ministerial Declaration of the Second World Climate Conference of November 1990 (A/45/696/Add.1, annex III) and, in particular, paragraph 8 thereof,

(b) Paragraph 2

At the end of the paragraph add

in association with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and in accordance with the recommendations made at the Panel's fifth plenary session

6. Draft decision 19, page 24

(a) Preamble

Add a new paragraph to the preamble reading

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea for the protection of the marine environment,

(b) Paragraphs 2 and 3

For the existing text of paragraphs 2 and 3 substitute three new paragraphs reading

2. Decides to invite the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its third session to give policy guidance to a meeting of Government-designated experts to be convened to formulate a draft strategy, including a targetted and costed programme of action for reduction of the degradation of the marine environment from land-based sources of pollution and activities in coastal areas;

3. Authorizes the Executive Director to convene such a meeting and to initiate preparations without delay;

4. Further authorizes the Executive Director to complete a targetted and costed action programme for the Mediterranean as an input to the strategy and as an example for the preparation of an international study, in view of the comprehensive data which already exists for that area and the very limited time available;

and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

7. Draft decision 21, page 27, section II, paragraph 2, line 8

For a meeting read a technical meeting

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* The title of draft decision should read "Sea-level rise vulnerability assessments".

8. Draft decision 22, pages 28 and 29

(a) First preambular paragraph, line 2

After action insert as defined in the Ministerial Declaration of the Second World Climate Conference (A/45/696/Add.1, annex III)

(b) Second preambular paragraph, line 5

For elimination read minimization

(c) Paragraph 2

Line 3: for governmental read Government-designated

Line 4: for the existing text substitute draft elements and a possible international strategy and action programme

(d) Paragraph 5, line 2

For governmental read Government-designated